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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte Submission:

Unlicensed Operation in the Television Broadcast Bands, ET Docket No. 04-186;
Amendment of Parts 15, 74, and 90 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Low
Power Auxiliary Stations, ET Docket No. 10-24, WT Docket Nos. 08-166, 08-167;
Fostering Innovation and Investment in the Wireless Communications Market,
GN Docket No. 09-157

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

The Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition supports the deployment of high-capacity broadband to community anchor institutions. Robust wireless networks have the potential to enable high-speed mobile and portable applications and extend broadband coverage to community anchor institutions in a cost effective manner. The SHLB Coalition, therefore supports efforts by the FCC to make more high-quality spectrum in the television band, the so called "TV white spaces," available for robust broadband use.

Schools, libraries and health care facilities could be among the biggest beneficiaries of unlicensed access to the vacant TV channel spectrum. "Super Wi-Fi," enabled by freeing up the white spaces spectrum, will improve the coverage, capacity and quality of campus and anchor institution networks, while also lowering costs by requiring many fewer access points. It will enable the unfolding digital revolution, which will enhance the teaching, healthcare and learning experiences of students, teachers, medical professionals, patients and underprivileged members of our society. Opening this low-frequency spectrum for unlicensed access will also generally encourage more public Wi-Fi hotspots, community networks and more mobile broadband access for the people served by community anchor institutions.



We ask that you quickly conclude all open issues in this proceeding in a manner that allows anchor institutions and the citizens they serve to robustly use this spectrum and obtain the benefits of new and interesting broadband services and applications.

Sincerely,

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